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CURRENT TOPICS.

A FLY'S egg will hatch in 13 hours.
A PET flea has been known to live six years.
THE czar has prepared a great reception for President Faure, of France.
THE fifth international congress of Criminal Anthropology will be held in Amsterdam in 1901.

MRS. HANNAH ROBINSON, of New York city, sold her husband for \$25 the other day, and now she regrets it.
MORE than 2,000 people mysteriously disappeared from London every year, and are never heard of again.

CONSUL GENERAL LEE has expended about \$10,000 of the money appropriated for the relief of Americans in Cuba.

A ST. LOUIS man was taken to court and fined \$50 the other day because his attempt at suicide had been unsuccessful.

ONE of the highest shot towers in the world is to be found at Villach, in Carinthia, where there is a fall of 249 feet.

ST. PETERSBURG'S municipal authorities will present three immense loving cups to the visiting French warships.

GOLD enough has been found in the Swiss canton of Valais for the Herne mint to strike from it 30 twenty-franc pieces.

SPEAKING of carrying coals to Newcastle, it is said that artificial ice is made in Juneau, Alaska, during the summer.

THERE are in France 1,302,400 unmarried women between the ages of 25 and 50, and 1,376,600 unmarried men aged over 50 years.

IN Mexico every journal, day book, ledger or other record kept by any person or firm must bear a five-cent stamp on every page.

WALNUTS and butternuts are being successfully cultivated in Whatcombe county, Washington. They are not native to the region.

IN the French-German war 4,500 He-breux were in the German army, of whom 327 earned the Iron Cross for bravery on the field.

THE Yellow river is styled the "Sorrow of China." It is estimated that its floods in the present century have cost China 11,000,000 lives.

THE natives of Alaska seldom change their clothes unless they are worn out. They are considered the filthiest race of beings on the earth.

IT is noted that the women of the royal families of Europe are, on an average, much stronger mentally and physically than the men.

MILAN thinks it has the smallest horse in existence. It is a Shetland pony, six hands, or 24 inches, high, raised by the Marchese Carcano.

THERE are 256 railway stations within a six-mile radius of St. Paul's cathedral, London, while within a twelve-mile radius there are nearly 400.

THE British can now send a closed letter to any part of the British isle for one penny, provided it does not weigh more than one-quarter ounce.

THERE are about 2,000 persons in France who are set down as anarchists and are under the constant watch of the police of the various European countries.

THE earl of Rathfurly, the newly appointed governor of New Zealand, is on the way to his post with 60 tons of baggage, including four carriages and 650 cases of wine.

MR. PRESTON, the director of the mint, estimates the gold production of the world for 1896 at \$205,000,000 and believes the production for 1897 will reach \$240,000,000.

EX-CONGRESSMAN HENRY ST. GEORGE TUCKER, of Virginia, has accepted the chair of equity and commercial, constitutional and international law in Washington and Lee university.

TO INCREASE the brilliancy of incandescent electric lights a double film of carbon is placed inside the globe, the wire running into the glass base at its middle portion to support it.

FRANK B. STOCKTON, the well-known novelist, during his recent visit to Clarke county, Va., purchased from the Rosemont stock farm a pair of fine young mares for driving purposes.

KNIGHTHOOD was recently conferred upon R. Guinness, the acting manager of Guinness & Co., of Dublin. His brewery firm has already received two peerages and the ribbon of St. Patrick.

THE British post office authorities are experimenting with motor cars with the view of their use as parcel vans and for the transport of the mails from the sub-stations to the railroad depots.

POCKET camp stools are being made, with the legs joined and bolted together, the upper ends of the legs having projecting knobs or hooks, to which the corners of the canvas seat are attached.

A COMBINED whip socket and rein-holder is formed of a single piece of wire bent to form a round socket for the whip and a flat clamp for the reins and another by which it is attached to the dashboard.

GORDON HUSSAKER, one of the wealthiest pioneer ranchers of the Salt river valley, is being held a prisoner by the Mexican authorities at El Plomo, in the state of Sonora, as a witness against Indians in a shooting case.

VENTILATED handle bars for bicycles have openings on the front side of the bar with a pair of perforated slotted handles, the air entering the bar as the wheelman rides along and coming out of the slots in the handles.

HUMAN SHIELD

Will Be One of the Features of the G. A. R. Encampment.

Thousands of Veterans and Their Friends Pouring Into the City—Ample Accommodation for All—Candidates to Succeed the Commander-in-Chief.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Buffalo is all ready for the army of veterans who are on their way here to attend the thirty-first annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. During the night hundreds of veterans and their friends arrived, and Sunday they were coming in by thousands. It is estimated that nearly 8,000 strangers were in town Saturday and that from 15,000 to 20,000 came in Sunday.

The various railroads entering Buffalo report that in addition to the hundreds of regular trains, schedules have been prepared for 245 specials to arrive here by Tuesday noon. Among the prominent arrivals are J. Cory Winans, of Commander-in-Chief Clarkson's staff; J. S. Lewis, past junior vice commander, and Daniel Ross, of Wilmington, Del., a candidate for junior vice commander-in-chief.

Camp Jewett, as the city of tents is known, is all ready for its inhabitants and while it will not be formally opened until 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, a number of posts are already installed.

Ample arrangements have been made at the camp and elsewhere for the care of the sick. Three hospital tents have been erected at Camp Jewett, each in charge of a competent staff of physicians.

The honor of flying the first pennant from any tent at Camp Jewett belongs to Reno post, No. 64, of Williamsport, Pa. A detachment of 11 members arrived Saturday, and was assigned to tents 37-39. Clayton P. White, of Williamsport, was the first veteran to arrive, and is quartered on the steamer Idaho, which has been assigned to the naval posts.

Among the later announcement of candidates to succeed Commander-in-Chief Clarkson are the names of John C. Lineham, of New Hampshire; Geo. H. Ennis, of Massachusetts; James A. Seaton, of Chicago; J. P. S. Gobin, of Pennsylvania, and J. F. Mack, of Ohio.

Col. Winans, of Commander-in-Chief Clarkson's staff, estimates the number of visitors to Buffalo during the week at 200,000, making the largest encampment ever held. In speaking of the choice of the veterans for the next encampment, Col. Winans said that so far as his information went, there was but one choice among the delegates, and that was Cincinnati. There seems to be a feeling, he said among some of the eastern people that San Francisco wants the encampment but that is a mistake. San Francisco is preparing to make a bid in 1899.

With regard to the encampment held in Richmond, Va., he asserted there is nothing in it. The people down there do not want it and the veterans do not care to go there. The chief objection, he said, was the certainty of unpleasant complications over the color line.

Notwithstanding this view the Young Men's Business association of Richmond has opened headquarters here and is making an effort to secure the encampment.

Col. Winans says Pennsylvania will send the most people to the encampment, with New York second and Ohio third in attendance.

One of the most brilliant features of the encampment will be the living shield, which will be produced on Wednesday, the day of the parade.

Four thousand children from the schools, who have been under rehearsal for weeks, will form the shield, which will stand on Chippewa street, just below Delaware avenue, at the point where the line of march turns from Chippewa street into the avenue.

Its position will be such as to face the marching columns for the two blocks. The platform upon which the children will sit will be built squarely across Chippewa street, cutting off all traffic. It is to resemble a large grand stand, the seats grading upward as the elevation increases.

This will give the shield the appearance intended, namely, of resting on an easel. The seating space will be square and the figures, dressed in red, white and blue, will be so arranged as to form the outline of a shield, with red and white stripes, and with white stars in a blue field, surrounded by a border of black. Boys in black garments are to form the black back ground, while boys and girls, dressed in red, white and blue, will fill in the stars and stripes and the field.

These Children of the Shield will be divided into two reliefs to avoid the fatigue of remaining in position for about seven hours. The first 2,000 will take their places in the morning just before the column moves, and will remain in position until about half of the procession has passed. Then they will be relieved by the second division, which will remain in position until the last man in the New York state department, at the left of the line, has passed.

The Children of the Shield will all day long sing national anthems and patriotic songs to the accompaniment of music.

Col. Hodges' Funeral.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 23.—The funeral of Col. John O. Hodges took place here Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Second Presbyterian church.

BLOODSHED.

A Conflict Between the Workers and Strikers Near Pittsburgh.

The Aggressive Workers Escaped Before the Men in the Oak Hill Camp Were Aware of the Fight—Riot Among Negro Workmen at Camp Unity.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 23.—Religious services were held in the strikers' several camps Sunday, and all were largely attended, but notwithstanding the religious air pervading the camps, a conflict between workers and strikers took place in the afternoon, during which three strikers were badly hurt, but none are in a serious condition. Five of the men who are working for the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Co., Sunday afternoon went to William Seamon's boarding house, about one-half mile from Oak Hill tipple, where a number of strikers are quartered, for the purpose of persuading the strikers to go to work. The meeting was a stormy one and resulted in Antonio Podasky being shot near the heart, the bullet going almost through his body. Grongron Pimold was shot in the eye and Botiste Dalmese was cut with a razor. The injured men are all strikers. This was the only disturbance recorded at the camps Sunday. The aggressive workmen escaped before the men on the Oak Hill camp were aware of the fight.

The report that Sandy Creek camp will be abandoned was denied by the strikers Sunday and they say 50 men will be sent there from Plum Creek and Turtle Creek.

In addition to the general missionary work for the week the leaders have decided to direct special work to the prevention of operations at the Sandy Creek mine. The strikers say they will resume their marching tactics Monday morning, claiming that under the ruling of Judge Goff in the West Virginia cases they are given this right.

The sheriff does not say Sunday what course he will pursue in the morning should marching begin, but thinks he is ready to meet every emergency.

Sympathy for the strikers by the farmers and citizens is not diminishing in the least. Sunday there were about 700 visitors to the camp at Sandy Creek, many of the farmers who came bringing wagon loads of provisions. Citizens of New Texas sent word that they had plenty of food for the men and wanted them to call on them when needed.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 23.—Unity, a camp of Negro workmen employed in building the new Pittsburgh, Bessemer & Lake Erie railroad, is keeping up its reputation for riot and bloodshed. Sunday night comes the report from there of a small sized riot, and three or four individual fights, during the progress of which one man was fatally shot and innumerable wounds inflicted on others.

It is said that nearly or quite all the Negroes in the camp are armed with revolvers and razors, and are a generally lawless set of men. The record of the day's doings is briefly as follows:

Tom Cash, nicknamed "Powder and Ball," was flourishing a 45-calibre revolver, when John Kelley came along and made some slighting remark at which Cash took offense, and he blazed away at Kelley, the bullet entering the abdomen, cutting its way clear through the stomach and intestines. Kelly is bleeding internally and will die before morning. George Walker and Emanuel Lindsay quarreled over a disolute woman who frequents the camps, and Walker was shot, but not seriously wounded. Next William Matthews and George Smith became involved in a quarrel about something which nobody but themselves know of and Matthews received two bullets from Smith's revolver, one in the arm and another in the leg.

The whole was climaxed by a general fight in which ten shooters engaged. A Negro called Rags was shot in the head and a number of others received shot and razor wounds which were dressed by themselves or friends after the battle was over.

NASHVILLE MAN

Kills His Wife and Brother-in-Law and Then Fatally Wounds Himself.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 23.—J. B. Rich, a young white man, shot and killed his wife Sunday night at the home of her mother in east Nashville. He then killed his brother-in-law, shooting him twice. Then he left the house and while in the yard shot himself twice inflicting wounds from which he is expected to die. The pistol used was a 45-calibre revolver. Rich a week ago filed a bill for divorce against his wife, alleging infidelity. Sunday he was arrested charged with kidnapping one of the children and it is supposed the arrest enraged him and induced him to go to the house of his mother-in-law.

"The Raising of Lazarus."

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Henry Tanner, an American Negro who has been studying painting in Paris for some years, has won the greatest distinction that has come to a member of his race in that field. He recently exhibited in the salon a work entitled "The Raising of Lazarus," which received signal praise from the critics and has been purchased by the French government for the Luxembourg. The artist is a son of a missionary of the African Methodist church. He has studied under Constant.

KENTUCKY STATE NEWS.

MAX WILEY, who was shot the other day by Joseph Knoesenberber, a United States gauger, at Louisville, is dead.

A REVIVAL meeting was held in the main room of Curley's big distillery at Camp Nelson.

A HERD of fat cattle, averaging 1,800 pounds, became stampeded near Frankfort and eight of them fell over an embankment a distance of 75 feet. Five were killed.

The livery stables belonging to Carney & Key, Mayfield, burned. Twenty horses perished in the flames. Two other buildings were destroyed.

JOHN VAN METEER, David Hogan, Geo. Martin, Geo. Wand, Norman Clinton and Porter Smithers have been arrested at Bowling Green for violation of the Kentucky mob law.

In Harrison county the other night nine tollgates were chopped down by raiders. There were 15 men in the mob.

COL. W. L. CRABB, of the defunct distillery firm of Crabb & Fibbe, Eminence, denies that any of the money was diverted from the proper channel.

HARRY PROZHEIMER, of New York, is in jail at Louisville on the charge of having bad checks in his possession. He figured in the Cross case in Cincinnati recently. Cross is now serving a term in the workhouse.

THERE are now five syndicates in the field after controlling shares in the Louisville Gas Co.

THERE has always been a strong belief that silver ore existed in the knobs of Bullitt county. Several persons are now engaged in getting specimens for the purpose of having them assayed.

THE Maraman Bros., will soon begin the erection of a large pork-packing establishment on the farm, near Shepherdsville. They expect to kill from 5,000 to 6,000 hogs during the coming season.

FIREBUGS are believed to be at work in Warren county.

OBDFELLOWS will build a three-story business block at Paducah.

THERE is talk of trying to search for a silver vein in Bath county.

The grape crop in Kentucky is about three weeks later than last year.

J. S. RENICK's large barn, containing 30,000 pounds of dressed hemp, burned at Winchester. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$12,000.

THE state re-union of the G. A. R. will be held at Hovengrove, September 12 and 13. Abraham Lincoln was born in the county.

LIZZIE FIENICH, of Cincinnati, in the employ of Mrs. James E. Pepper, at Lexington, was probably fatally burned by an exploding lamp.

TWELVE hundred Cherokee Indians will march from Indian territory to visit the graves of their noted chiefs in Western Kentucky.

At Middleboro Lena Callinsworth died from the effects of 58 days' fast. She quarreled with her husband and had vowed she would not eat until he returned to her.

Work has begun on a system of sewerage at Paducah.

It is probable a new bank will be organized at Shepherdsville.

IMPROVEMENTS are being made on the Eastern Kentucky railway between Webbville and Greenup. Nine carloads of steel rails have been bought and are now being laid.

JOHN HORTCH caught on a trot line near Green river lock No. 5 a catfish weighing 119 pounds. Houchin was twice thrown into the river, but finally landed the fish, which netted him \$9.40.

At Morehead, Cena Day committed suicide by stabbing herself over the heart with a large bowie knife. She told her suitor a few moments previous that the next time he saw her she would be in hades.

At Belton, Muhlenburg county, the other day was celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the existence of the Hazel Creek Baptist church. Some 3,000 people were gathered to participate in the celebration. The church was organized August 19, 1797, and consisted of 14 members. Several weeks ago old records were found describing the baptistry, and after much digging and hunting it was located and unearthed.

COL. JOHN OGDEN HODGES died at his residence, No. 90 North Upper street, Lexington. Col. Hodges had been bed-fast for several months with prestitis. He was born December 17, 1831, at Cynthiana, Ky. From Center college at Danville he was graduated as one of the most famous class in the history of that institution. At Danville, February 19, 1854, he married Miss Mary Messick. Two years later he removed to Missouri and practiced law until the war broke out. He took part in the struggle in favor of the confederacy, serving under Gen. Price. In 1863 he returned to Lexington and engaged in the dry goods business. In 1880 he established the Sunday Observer, through which, until the hour of his illness, he waged war against his political enemies. Col. Hodges held the office of superintendent of public schools, and was later elected state senator, which office he filled with honor to himself and the community.

CHOLERA is playing havoc with hogs in the southern part of the state. At Newstead 134 died within four days.

A REPRESENTATIVE of the Cherokee Indians is now in Western Kentucky looking up the graves of several of their famous chiefs.

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Condition of the Farmers Bank and Trust Co., Stanford, Kentucky, December 31, 1896.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts.....\$27,910.93	Capital Stock.....\$200,000
Overdrafts.....7,076.19	Surplus Fund.....17,038.80
Other Stocks and Bonds.....1,994.97	Individual Deposits.....1,470.81
Due from National Banks.....41,691.92	Due from National Banks.....2,513.34
Banking House.....5,580.00	Due from State Banks.....6,323.84
Furniture and Fixtures.....820.00	
Cash.....15,705.09	
Total.....\$102,733.91	Total.....\$231,238.89

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